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PATENT

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In re Application of :
Kaoru MURASE, et al. :
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For: RECORDING AND REPRODUCING DEVICE, CONTROL METHOD AND ABUSE
PREVENTION SYSTEM



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The relevance of each reference is discussed in the present specification.

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